

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great honour and pleasure that I stand before you today to celebrate the remarkable achievements of a truly wonderful member of our community. As we gather here in the spirit of camaraderie and shared purpose, we have the privilege of recognising the invaluable contributions of Jill Greenfield, who has been a beacon of dedication and service within the State Council for the Isolated Children's Parents Association (ICPA).

Born and raised on a farm in the South East, Jill's roots run deep with the land. Jill started her journey as a trained teacher in the governess position at Wintinna Station in the state's North West. Shortly after, Jill met her to-be husband Col at the William Creek Gymkhana. The rest is a lovely history, and fortunately for the North West and ICPA, Jill made her home at Billa Kalina station, marking the beginning of a life filled with unwavering dedication to her family and community.

I want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to Jill. Jill, your steadfast support and tireless efforts as our previous SAICPA State President, and earlier in your role as the State Treasurer, were instrumental in helping to shape our association and advocating for the needs of isolated children and their families. You have held many positions in your 26 years as an ICPA member, including branch secretary, branch president, and co-convenor of two state conferences. You are a testament to the power of unity and collective action in pursuit of a common goal. Throughout your time on the State Council, you have remained steadfast in your commitment to uplifting and empowering isolated families across our state.

Your story is of selfless service and advocacy. As a mother of three beautiful daughters, you have faced the unique challenges of raising children in remote and isolated regions, embracing the role of educator, and helping to teach your daughters through the School of the Air during their primary years. Drawing from your own experiences as an isolated and remote parent, you have tirelessly advocated for the rights and needs of families facing similar challenges. From lobbying for boarding allowances to championing learning needs assistance, you have been a steadfast voice for change and progress.

But perhaps what truly sets Jill apart is not just her advocacy or leadership but her unwavering kindness, warmth, and wicked humour. As Jill's former secretary on the State Council, I had the privilege of witnessing firsthand Jill's infectious spirit and laughter. I just loved working with Jill, it was a great experience for me. Whether working on an issue together or sharing a glass of wine, Jill's presence was always a source of great happiness. Jill, you are always having a little giggle, in fact, I bet you are right now.

On behalf of the entire State Council for the South Australian Isolated Children's Parents Association, I extend my deepest gratitude to Jill Greenfield for her years of dedicated service, leadership, and friendship. Your unwavering commitment to our cause has touched the lives of many individuals and families, leaving a special mark on our association and our communities.

And so, it is with much pleasure that I have the honour of bestowing upon you, Jill Greenfield, this State Council Life Membership badge—a token of our appreciation and admiration. Thank you, Jill, for your extraordinary contributions, your infectious laughter, and your unwavering friendship.